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WHERE? WHERE *IS* HE?! WHEN'S HE COMIN'?!
BUNDERGHAST?
DID THAT LITTLE *MAGGOT* SAY "*BUNDERGHAST*"?
HERE? *BUNDERGHAST THE INVINCIBLE'S* COMIN' *HERE?*
SETTLE, LADS, SETTLE! STOP PRATTLIN' FOR JUST ONE BLEEDIN' MOMENT AND LISTEN--
MAYBE HE SENT THE WORM AHEAD? LIKE A--A *HERALD!*
Uh-oh.
BUNDERGHAST! BUNDERGHAST'S COMIN' HERE! THIS *REBELLION'LL* GET A *LEADER* AT LAST!
I HEARD HE'S *HUGE!* BIG AS A CASTLE! AND ALL COVERED IN *SPIKES!*
AND *ALE!* I HEARD HE CARRIES *ALE BARRELS* WHEREVER HE GOES.
YAAAAAAAY!
...I, *uh.* I SAY *AGAIN,* DEAR GOBLINS--IF YOU'LL JUST BLOODY *LISTEN!*--THAT AT LAST THE DAY HAS COME TO OVERTHROW THE *TYRANNY* OF THE OWL KING, FOR-- FOR...
WHO'S *THIS* NOW? SOME BLOOMIN' *HUMAN!* IS *SHE* WITH *BUNDERGHAST?*
=SIGH= Um--MARIA? BE A SPORT AN' HOIST ME *UP,* WOULD YA?
FOR IT IS *I!* I AM *BUNDERGHAST THE INVINCIBLE! SCOURGE OF THE REPRESSOR!*
OO'S WITH ME?!

'ERE! THAT BLOOMIN' WORM'S MAKIN' FUN OF US! MAKIN' FUN OF THE REBELLION!
BIG MOUTH FOR SUCH A MAGGOTTY LITTLE MAGGOT.
PUNISH IT! EAT THE WORM! WASH IT DOWN WITH ALE!
LOTS AND LOTS OF ALE!
CAN WE PLEASE GO NOW, CIBLE? THESE IDIOTS ARE MORE INTERESTED IN ROTGUT THAN REVOLUTION.
N-NONSENSE! THEY'RE JUST--JUST EXCITED ABOUT LIBERATION, IS ALL. HIGH SPIRITS!
FRIENDS! GOBLINS! LEND ME YOUR PUSTULES!
I KNOW HOW YOU'VE SUFFERED! I KNOW THE RULES OF SOBRIETY AND STANDARDS OF CLEANLINESS IMPOSED BY THE TYRANT!
WHAT HAS BECOME OF OUR DEAR LABYRINTH, IF A FINE AND FILTHY GOBLIN CAN'T EVEN GET DRUNK AND START A FIGHT WITHOUT FEAR OF ARREST?
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
I MAY BE SMALL. I MAY BE SQUEAKY.
BUT I AM BUNDERGHAST THE INVICIBLE, AND IN MY HEART ROARS THE FEROCITY OF A DOZEN FEATHERFANG BEASTS!
ALSO, I BRUNG A BLOOMIN' WIZARD.
Wuh.

WIZARD?! NOW I KNOW THE LITTLE PIPSQUEAK'S MAKIN' FUN!
GO ON THEN, HUMAN! SHOW US SOME MAGIC, OR WE'LL EAT YOU--AND THE WORM!
WITH ALE! LOTS OF ALE!
DID ANYONE BRING ANY MORE ALE, BY THE WAY?
SHOW 'EM, BRAVE MARIA! SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH YER LITTLE BIT OF CHALK!
WHAT? NO! I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! I HAVE TO FIND MY SON!
FIBBERS!
BIGMOUTHS!
BRINGERS OF NO ALE!
BASTE THEM! MARINADE THEM IN VEG!
EAT THEM IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM!
FINE! IF IT'S PROOF YOU WANT, YOU--YOU--YOU MALCONTENTS!
THEN--
--GET BACK!
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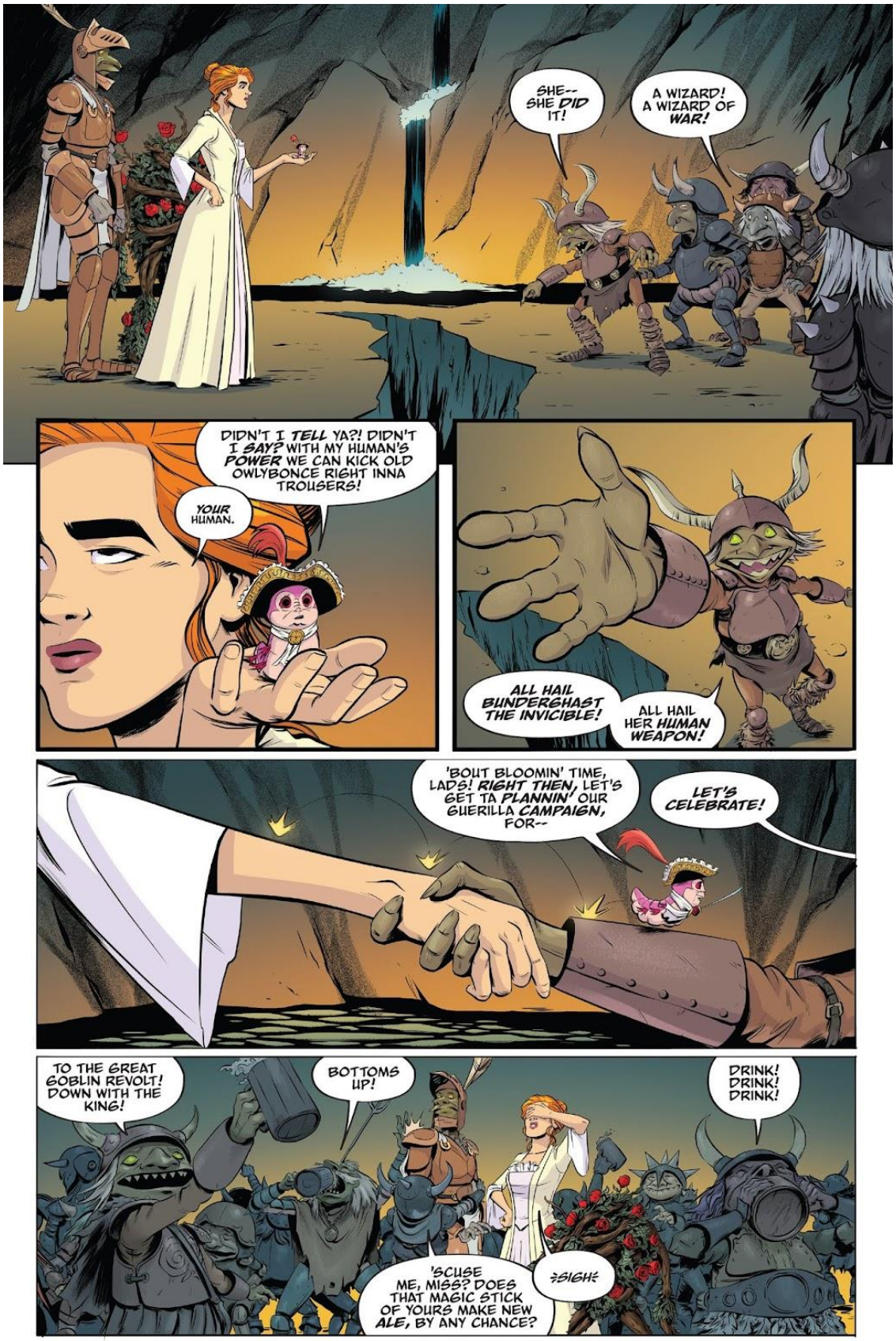
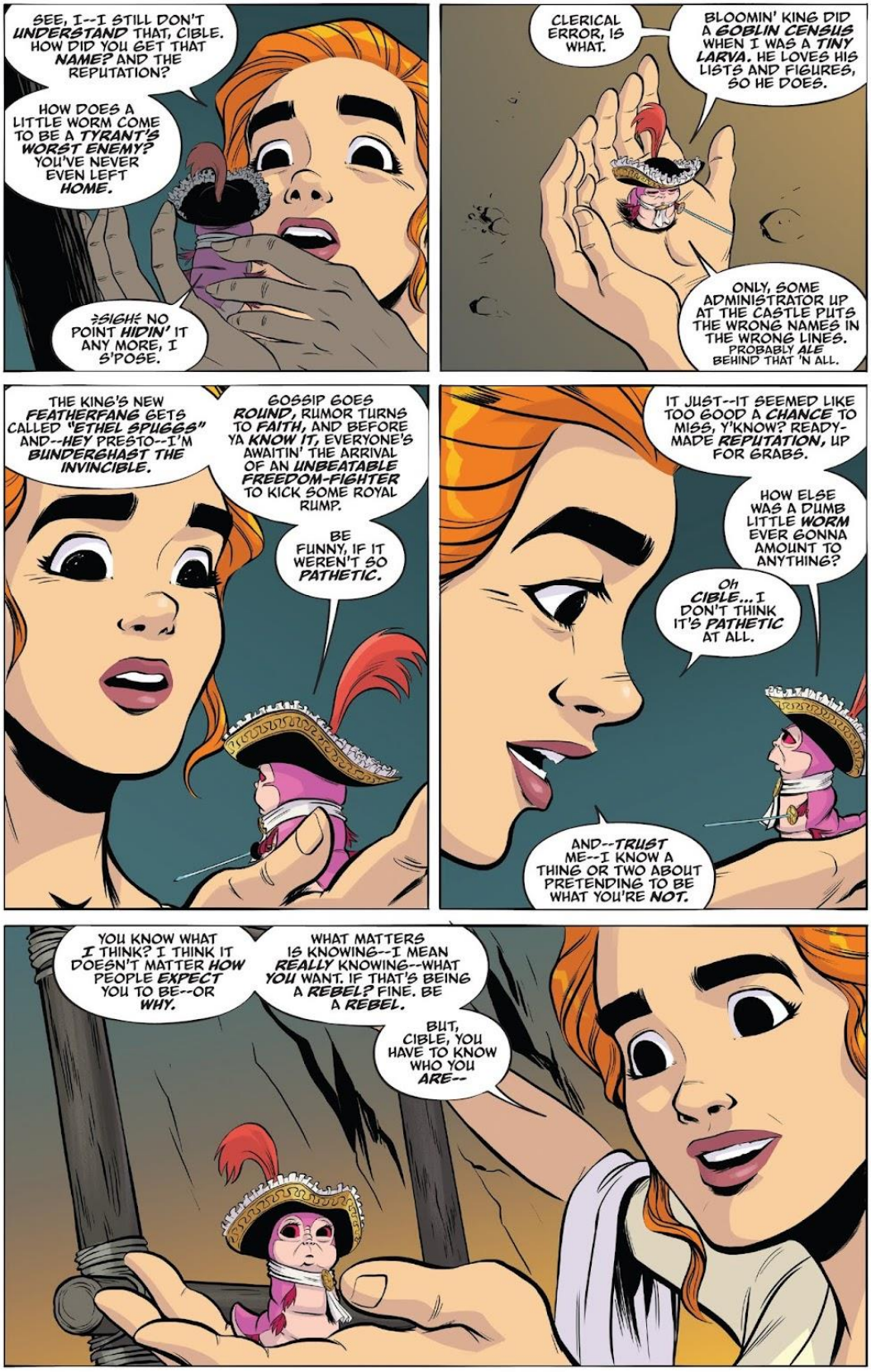
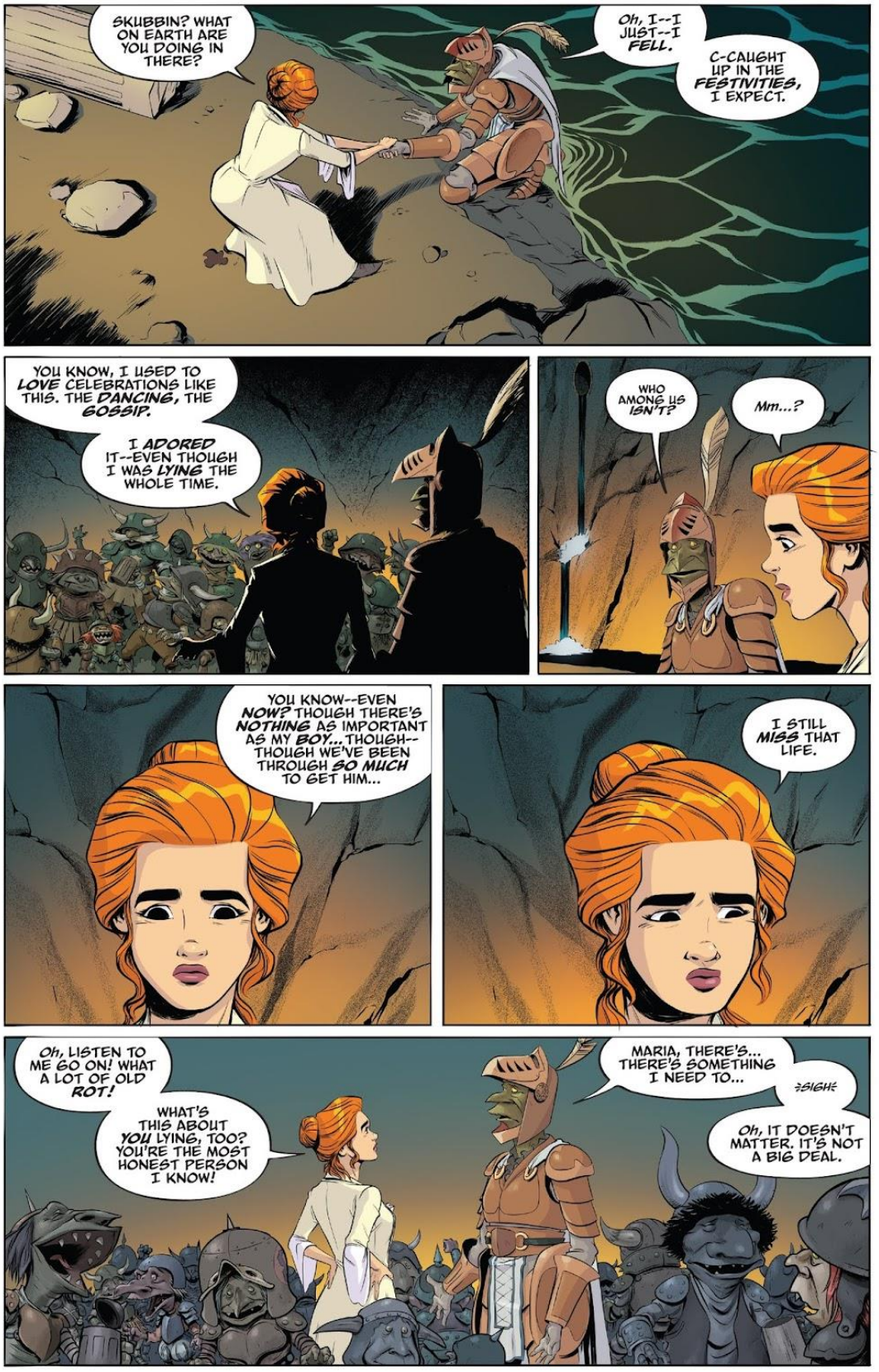
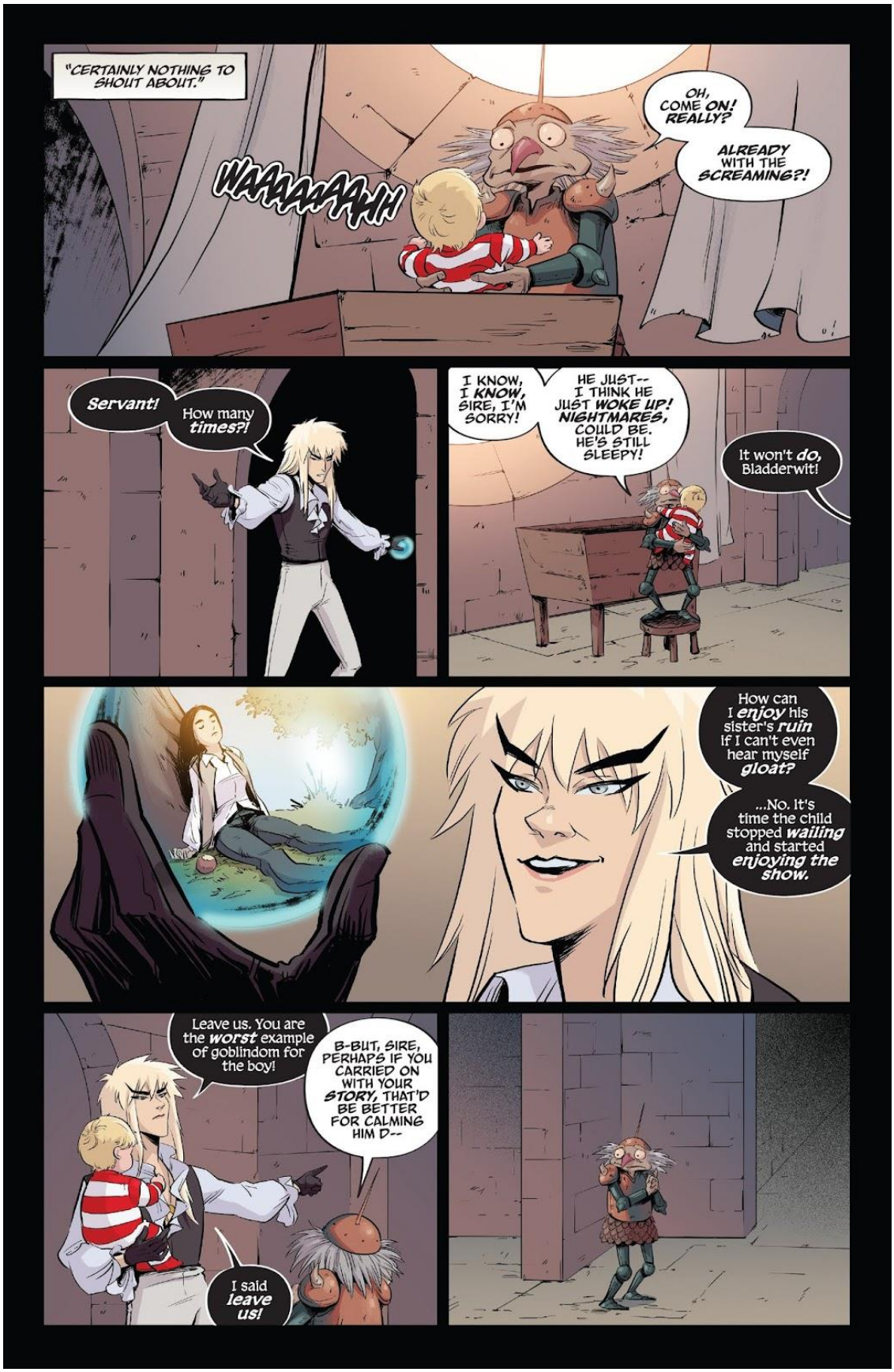

SHE-- SHE DID IT!
A WIZARD! A WIZARD OF WAR!
DIDN'T I TELL YA?! DIDN'T I SAY? WITH MY HUMAN'S POWER WE CAN KICK OLD OWLYBONCE RIGHT INNA TROUSERS!
YOUR HUMAN.
ALL HAIL BUNDERGHAST THE INVICIBLE!
ALL HAIL HER HUMAN WEAPON!
'BOUT BLOOMIN' TIME, LADS! RIGHT THEN, LET'S GET TA PLANNIN' OUR GUERILLA CAMPAIGN, FOR--
LET'S CELEBRATE!
TO THE GREAT GOBLIN REVOLT! DOWN WITH THE KING!
BOTTOMS UP!
DRINK! DRINK! DRINK!
'SCUSE ME, MISS? DOES THAT MAGIC STICK OF YOURS MAKE NEW ALE, BY ANY CHANCE?
=SIGH=

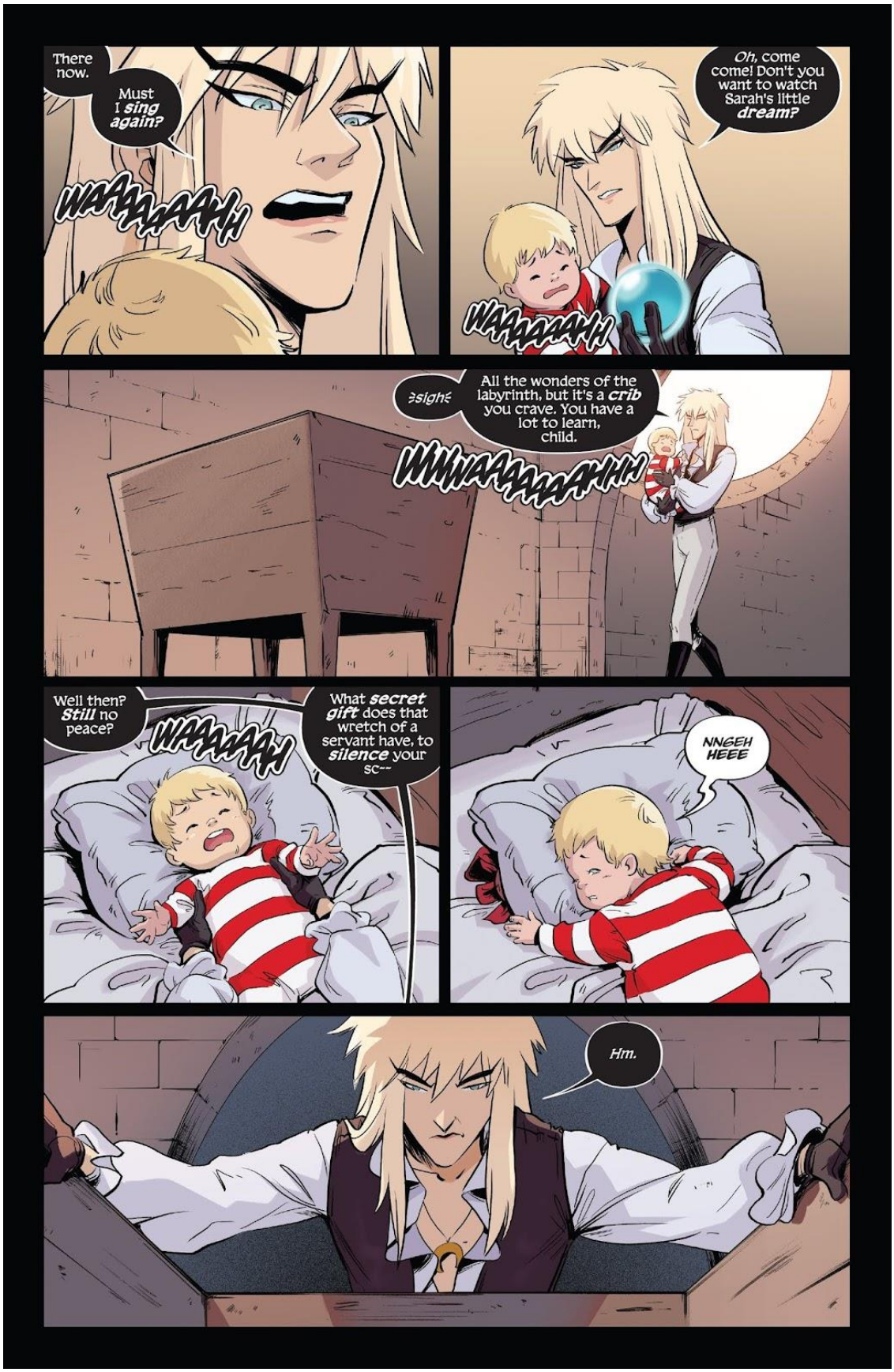
CUDDLES!
OW! OW!
MORE ALE! MORE ALE!
A DANCE! A SINGSONG!
MORE CUDDLES!
=SIGH=
GAHH! PUT ME DOWN! OR I'LL--I'LL... S-SLAY YOU!
I'M AN EXTREMELY FEARSOME BANDIT!
MORE ALE!
CIBLE? WHAT'S WRONG? I THOUGHT YOU'D BE PLEASED. THEY SEEM DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU HERE.
DELIGHTED TO HAVE AN EXCUSE FOR A BOOZE-UP, IS WHAT THEY ARE.
=SIGH= AN' THAT'S THE GOBLIN WAY.
Y'KNOW, FOR JUST A MOMENT BACK THERE? I REALLY THOUGHT I HAD 'EM. GAVE 'EM THE SAME FIRE IN THE GUTS I GOT MESELF.
SHOULDA KNOWN BETTER.
THEY'RE NO MORE REVOLUTIONARIES THAN I'M BLOOMIN' INVINCIBLE.


SEE, I--I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT, CIBLE. HOW DID YOU GET THAT NAME? AND THE REPUTATION?
HOW DOES A LITTLE WORM COME TO BE A TYRANT'S WORST ENEMY? YOU'VE NEVER EVEN LEFT HOME.
=SIGH= NO POINT HIDIN' IT ANY MORE, I S'POSE.
CLERICAL ERROR, IS WHAT.
BLOOMIN' KING DID A GOBLIN CENSUS WHEN I WAS A TINY LARVA. HE LOVES HIS LISTS AND FIGURES, SO HE DOES.
ONLY, SOME ADMINISTRATOR UP AT THE CASTLE PUTS THE WRONG NAMES IN THE WRONG LINES. PROBABLY ALE BEHIND THAT 'N ALL.
THE KING'S NEW FEATHERFANG GETS CALLED "ETHEL SPUGGS" AND--HEY PRESTO--I'M BUNDERGHAST THE INVINCIBLE.
GOSSIP GOES ROUND, RUMOR TURNS TO FAITH, AND BEFORE YA KNOW IT, EVERYONE'S AWAITIN' THE ARRIVAL OF AN UNBEATABLE FREEDOM-FIGHTER TO KICK SOME ROYAL RUMP.
BE FUNNY, IF IT WEREN'T SO PATHETIC.
IT JUST--IT SEEMED LIKE TOO GOOD A CHANCE TO MISS, Y'KNOW? READY-MADE REPUTATION, UP FOR GRABS.
HOW ELSE WAS A DUMB LITTLE WORM EVER GONNA AMOUNT TO ANYTHING?
Oh CIBLE... I DON'T THINK IT'S PATHETIC AT ALL.
AND--TRUST ME--I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT PRETENDING TO BE WHAT YOU'RE NOT.
YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK? I THINK IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW PEOPLE EXPECT YOU TO BE--OR WHY.
WHAT MATTERS IS KNOWING--I MEAN REALLY KNOWING--WHAT YOU WANT. IF THAT'S BEING A REBEL? FINE. BE A REBEL.
BUT, CIBLE, YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE--

"--BEFORE YOU CAN BECOME SOMETHING ELSE."
I CAN'T DO IT. I CAN'T DO IT...
=PFT= NO FOUNDATIONS! THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY.
W-WHO'S THERE? WHO SAID THAT?
THE KING'S WATCHING YOU, BOY. THROUGH ME. THROUGH OTHERS...
YOU THINK YOU CAN DODGE HIM? YOU THINK YOU CAN DODGE DESTINY?
BETRAY THE GIRL!
SEIZE YOUR REWARD!
OR BE DOOMED TO ETERNAL MEDIOCRITY!


SKUBBIN? WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?
Oh, I--I JUST--I FELL.
C-CAUGHT UP IN THE FESTIVITIES, I EXPECT.
YOU KNOW, I USED TO LOVE CELEBRATIONS LIKE THIS. THE DANCING, THE GOSSIP.
I ADORED IT--EVEN THOUGH I WAS LYING THE WHOLE TIME.
WHO AMONG US ISN'T?
Mm...?
YOU KNOW--EVEN NOW? THOUGH THERE'S NOTHING AS IMPORTANT AS MY BOY... THOUGH--THOUGH WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH TO GET HIM...
I STILL MISS THAT LIFE.
Oh, LISTEN TO ME GO ON! WHAT A LOT OF OLD ROT!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT YOU LYING, TOO? YOU'RE THE MOST HONEST PERSON I KNOW!
MARIA, THERE'S... THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO...
=SIGH=
Oh, IT DOESN'T MATTER. IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.


"CERTAINLY NOTHING TO SHOUT ABOUT."
WAAAAAAAHH
OH, COME ON! REALLY?
ALREADY WITH THE SCREAMING?!
Servant!
How many times?!
I KNOW, I KNOW, SIRE, I'M SORRY!
HE JUST-- I THINK HE JUST WOKE UP! NIGHTMARES, COULD BE. HE'S STILL SLEEPY!
It won't do, Bladderwit!
How can I enjoy his sister's ruin if I can't even hear myself gloat?
...No. It's time the child stopped wailing and started enjoying the show.
Leave us. You are the worst example of goblindom for the boy!
B-BUT, SIRE, PERHAPS IF YOU CARRIED ON WITH YOUR STORY, THAT'D BE BETTER FOR CALMING HIM D--
I said leave us!


There now.
Must I *sing* *again?*
WAAAAAAAAH
Oh, come come! Don't you want to watch Sarah's little *dream?*
WAAAAAAAH
sigh
All the wonders of the labyrinth, but it's a *crib* you crave. You have a lot to learn, child.
WWWAAAAAAAHHH
Well then? *Still* no peace?
WAAAAAAH
What *secret* *gift* does that wretch of a servant have, to *silence* your sc~~
NNGEH HEEE
Hm.

LET'S LIST OUR DEMANDS! REBELS GOTTA HAVE DEMANDS!
ALE! WE DEMAND MORE ALE!
relief from ow ow goblin flies and ow hugs for all.
ALE WOULD DEFINITELY HELP WITH THAT.
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

I MEAN IT! YOU'RE IN TERRIBLE DANGER!
IT'S BEETLEGLUM! HE'S ON OUR SIDE, ISN'T HE? MAYBE HE BROUGHT ALE?

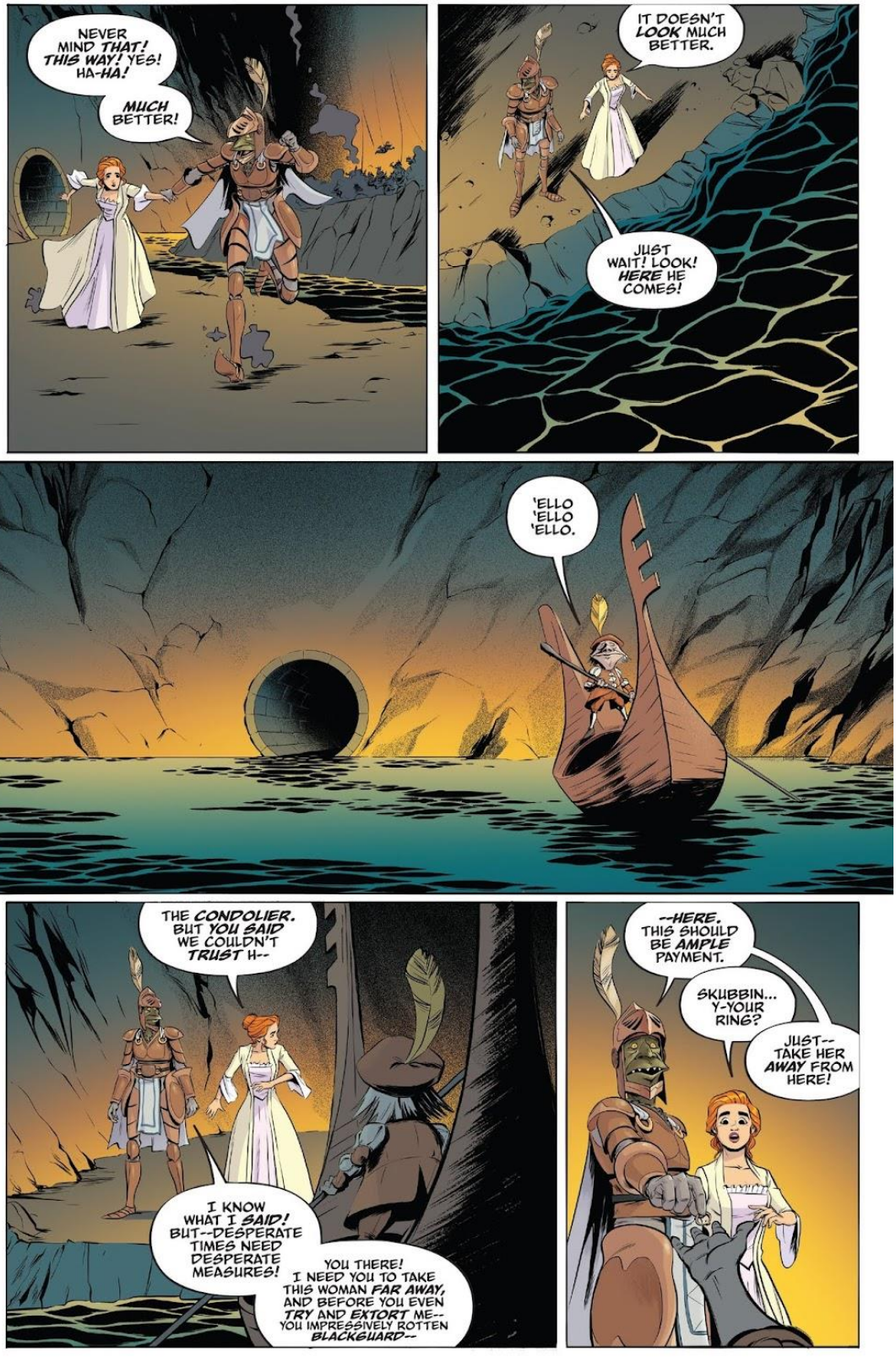
GOBLINS! GOBLINS, TAKE HEED! HE'S FOUND YOU! HE'S COMING!
GET READY! HE'S COMING! THE KING IS COMING!

THE KING?
RUN! FLEE! ABANDON THE MIDDLE UNDERDOME!
IS THE KING BRINGING ALE?

I... I DON'T THINK SO...
KTHOOOM
REBELSSSS... HRR...
THE KING HAS A BONE TO PICK...
...AND I HAVE FIRST DIBS ON THE FLESH...
CIBLE! WAIT! THIS ISN'T YOUR F--
RESIST! RESIIIIST!
Oh hi hello no, this ouch, please stop is not normal nor not a cuddling procedure ow. I'm ow ow stop that! familiar with--
RRRRRRRRR!
THEY'VE GOT THE TROLL SURROUNDED...
THAT WON'T HELP! HE'S TOO STRONG!
S-SKUBBIN, I KNOW IT'S NOT IN YOUR NATURE TO RETREAT FROM DANGER, BUT--

"I DON'T THINK WE CAN WIN THIS!"
NO SURRENDER!
AAAA!
YAAAAOOOW!
oh oh oh
OH sorry sorry
it's ow! it's these blasted flies ow! they oh they won't stop rrrr itching.
It's not fair all I ow all I ow ow ow all I ever wanted was...
rrrrrRRRRR BIG HUGS!
THIP
THIP
THIP
THIP
I--I THINK THE TANGLE MIGHT HAVE FINALLY GONE MAD...
WE'RE ALL MAD IF WE STAY HERE!

WE NEED TO FIND AN EXIT AND HELP THE OTHERS GET OUT!
N-NO, MILADY, PLEASE--YOU MUSTN'T!
BUT LOOK!
IT'S AS BRIGHT AS DAY.
MARIA. MILADY-- PLEASE...
IT'S A TRAP.
Y-YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME. YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME.
WHAT? OF COURSE I TRUST YOU! I-IT'S JUST...
SKUBBIN...
HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S A TRAP...?


NEVER MIND THAT! THIS WAY! YES! HA-HA!
MUCH BETTER!
IT DOESN'T LOOK MUCH BETTER.
JUST WAIT! LOOK! HERE HE COMES!
'ELLO 'ELLO 'ELLO.
THE CONDOLIER. BUT YOU SAID WE COULDN'T TRUST H--
I KNOW WHAT I SAID! BUT--DESPERATE TIMES NEED DESPERATE MEASURES!
YOU THERE! I NEED YOU TO TAKE THIS WOMAN FAR AWAY, AND BEFORE YOU EVEN TRY AND EXTORT ME-- YOU IMPRESSIVELY ROTTEN BLACKGUARD--
--HERE. THIS SHOULD BE AMPLE PAYMENT.
SKUBBIN... Y-YOUR RING?
JUST-- TAKE HER AWAY FROM HERE!

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DELAY THAT ORDER.
DON'T OVERDO IT, SKUBBIN. YOU LED HER AWAY FROM THE EXIT VERY SUCCESSFULLY-- NO NEED TO GIVE AWAY THE FAMILY JEWELS, TOO.
AAA--!
I'M PROUD OF YOU, SON.
SON?
HE'S--HE'S LYING! HE'S BEING SNEAKY! I DIDN'T LEAD YOU AWAY FROM THE EXIT! IT'S A TRAP!
SO YOU'RE NOT HIS SON?!
NO, I--I AM, IT'S JUST, I DON'T WANT TO BE! I WAS TRYING TO--
LIAR! YOU'RE-- YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER LIAR!
MARIA, PLEASE, YOU HAVE TO TRUST M--
NO.

I'M DONE WITH TRUST.
DON'T! DON'T GO IN TH--
SILENCE.
I'M COMING, MY BOY.
MAMA'S COMING.
NO MORE DISTRACTIONS.
NO MORE WRONG TURNS.

WH...
WHAT'S...
Oh.
IT--IT WAS A DREAM?
MARIA...? Oh, THANK HEAVENS!
I FEEL JUST AWFUL, MY DEAR! I'VE-- I'VE TREATED YOU ABOMINABLY!
BUT-- YOU'RE HERE NOW. YOU'RE HERE, AND SO AM I. WE SHALL HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL FUN.

HERE.
TOGETHER.
FOREVER.
To be continued...